

The following document is submitted to the Town of Essex Planning and Zoning Commission pursuant to discussion with Commissioners at the November 9, 2021 Public Hearing and suggested by the Commission Chairman for further discussion at the December 7th Public Hearing.

Revision A to PZC Application 21-9 Text Amendment to Section 40.A.1. of the Zoning Regulations Submitted by Roger J. Kern 11/10/2021

Revision to Section 40A.1

Existing Provision:

40A.1. For a period of twelve (12) months commencing from the effective date of January 15, 2014, no applications will be accepted, considered or approved and no zoning permits will be issued to permit the establishment of Medical Marijuana Dispensaries and/or Producers, who cultivate, process, distribute, dispense and sell medical marijuana within any zoning district within the Town of Essex. For the purposes of this section Dispensary, Licensed Dispensary, Producer and Licensed Producer are defined in Public Act #12-55. The expiration date of this Moratorium shall be January 15, 2015 unless extended by the Zoning Commission.

Original Petition Provision:

40A.1 No applications will be accepted, considered or approved and no zoning permits will be issued to permit the establishment of Marijuana Dispensaries and/or Producers, who cultivate, process, distribute, dispense or sell marijuana, or any products containing marijuana, within any zoning district within the Town of Essex.

Revised A Petition Provision:

40A.1 No applications will be accepted, considered or approved and no zoning permits will be issued to permit the establishment of Marijuana Dispensaries who dispense or sell marijuana, or any products containing marijuana, to retail customers that do not possess a valid Connecticut medical marijuana certificate within any zoning district within the Town of Essex.

Reasons for the Revision:

To respond to public comments at the November 9th hearing that the original petition revision would exclude Medical Marijuana Dispensaries from consideration thereby creating a potential hardship for those requiring medical marijuana for palliative medical treatment. Also, to narrow the focus of this amendment to only retail marijuana establishments.